Pending Gauge Conversion Projects

1917. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the gauge conversion projects pending for completion as on date, State-wise, especially in Assam;

(b) whether any target date has been fixed for the completion of those proejcts; and

(c) the number of those projects likely to be completed by the end of the Tenth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) The number of ongoing gauge conversion projects statewise, pending for completion is as under:—

SI. No.	State	Number of projects in Progress
1	Andhra Pradesh	5
2	Assam & NE States	5
3	Bihar	6
4	Gujarat	5
5	Haryana	1
6	Jharkhand	1
7	Karnataka	4
8	Kerala	1
9	Madhya Pradesh	2
10	Maharashtra	6
11	Orissa	2
12	Rajasthan	6
13	Tamilnadu	7
14	Uttar Pradesh	7
15	Uttranchal	1
16	West Bengal	3

The projects falling in more than one state have been shown in each state.

The five ongoing projects of gauge conversion falling partly/fully in the State of Assam are:—

(i) Kathakhal-Bairabhi

(ii) Haibargaon-Mairabari and Senchoa Junction-Silghat Town of Lumding-Dibrugarh with linked fingers

(iii) Lumding-Silchar, Silchar-Jiribam and extension from Badarpur to Baraigram

(iv) New Jalpaiguri-Siliguri-New Bongaigaon including linked branch lines

(v) Rangia-Murkongselek alongwith linked fingers

(b) and (c) Out of the above projects in Assam New Jalpaiguri-New Bongaigaon is likely to be completed during 10th Plan. The other projects will be completed in the coming years subject to availability of resources.

Developmental Projects

1918. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the revenue collection during the last two years zone-wise;

(b) whether development works are undertaken commensurating with the income generated in the zones; and

(c) if not, how priority for developmental projects is selected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) The zone wise Gross Earnings of Indian Railways